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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Philippe Seguela, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/530,233  
Filed: April 26, 2000  
For: DNA ENCODING A HUMAN PROTON-GATED ION  
CHANNEL AND USES THEREOF  
Group Art Unit: 1646  
Examiner: M. Pak

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the October 5, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants elect restriction Group I (claims 16 - 21, 30, and 31, drawn to a proton-gated cation channel and a method of use to screen for ligands) without prejudice to the eventual filing of a divisional application on restriction Group II.

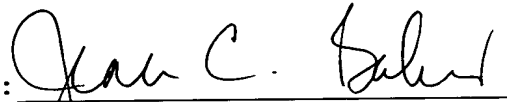
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Respectfully submitted,

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